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April 22, 2008

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AUTHORIZE THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO
APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL SALARIES AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FOR THE
CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2007- 08
(ALL DISTRICTS) (4 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The District Attorney's Office is submitting a Budget Adjustment in the amount of \$32,000 for the Child Support Enforcement Program to fully fund the enforcement of child support cases referred for criminal prosecution by the Child Support Services Department.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve the attached Budget Adjustment in the amount of \$32,000 to increase the District Attorney's appropriation in salaries and employee benefits for the expansion of the Child Support Enforcement Program.
2. Authorize the District Attorney's Office, pursuant to County Code Section 6.06.020, to hire two staff, an Investigator, DA and a Senior Typist Clerk, pending allocation by the Chief Executive Office.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The District Attorney's Office (DA) and the Child Support Services Department (CSSD) have entered into an agreement to pursue uncooperative parents who evade their child support obligations even after arrest and bench warrants have been issued. Under this agreement, DA Investigators proactively serve the arrest warrants on behalf of the CSSD in addition to providing child support enforcement investigations and other process.

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In September 2007, your Board approved funding to implement this program. Since that time, CSSD has agreed to fully fund the DA's portion of the Child Support Enforcement Program and expand the operation accordingly. An appropriation adjustment is therefore required in order to fully staff the program.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Child Support Enforcement Program supports Strategic Plan Goal No. 3, Organizational Effectiveness, by collaborating with another County agency to address child support issues throughout Los Angeles County. Strategic Plan Goal No.5, Children and Families Well-being is also supported by improving the economic well-being of children and families.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The additional appropriation for this program was not included in the DA's FY 2007-08 budget; therefore, the attached budget adjustment is needed for 1.0 Investigator, DA and 1.0 Senior Typist Clerk to expand and fully staff the program. The DA will submit invoices to CSSD who will seek funding in accordance with applicable federal and state requirements.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On April 3, 2007, your Board approved a motion by Supervisor Knabe directing CSSD to consult with the DA to explore the feasibility and cost benefits of increasing the enforcement of child support cases referred for criminal prosecution by CSSD. An agreement was reached between CSSD and the DA and funding for this program was appropriated during FY 2007-08 Supplemental Budget Changes.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)


This program does not propose attorney staff augmentation. Therefore, the District Attorney's Office is not subject to the Board motion of December 15, 1998 requiring clearance with the Alternate Public Defender, Probation, Public Defender, and Sheriff's Department. However, the Public Defender has indicated that this program will increase their workload.

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CONCLUSION

It is requested that the Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors, return an adopted copy of this Board letter and an approved budget adjustment to Ms. Corina Calixto, Grants Section, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, 201 North Figueroa Street, Suite 1300, Los Angeles, California 90012. Any questions may be directed to Ms. Calixto at 213-202-7653 or via email at ccalixto@da.lacounty.gov.

Respectfully submitted,


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District Attorney

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c: Chief Executive Officer
Deputy Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Director, CSSD

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT
DEPARTMENT OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

DEPT'S NO. 370
April 15, 2008

AUDITOR CONTROLLER:

THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. WILL YOU PLEASE REPORT AS TO ACCOUNTING AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR THE RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFOR

FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008

4 - VOTES

SOURCES

District Attorney
A01 - DA - 6800 - 14030
Intra Fund Transfer (IFT) \$32,000
Decrease Appropriation

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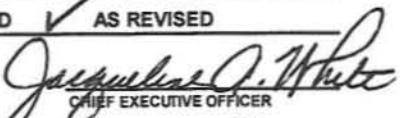
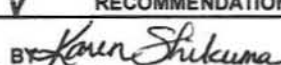
District Attorney
A01 - DA - 1000 - 14030
Salaries and Employee Benefits \$32,000
Increase Appropriation

JUSTIFICATION

This Budget Adjustment allocates unbudgeted IFT from the Child Support Services Department for the Child Support Enforcement Program to the District Attorney's Office Appropriation.


Norbert Ruiz, Chief
Budget & Fiscal Services Division

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR	ACTION	APPROVED AS REQUESTED	AS REVISED
	RECOMMENDATION	04/03 20 08	
AUDITOR CONTROLLER	BY 	APPROVED (AS REVISED) BOARD OF SUPERVISORS	20
NO. 198	April 3 20 08	BY	DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK

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